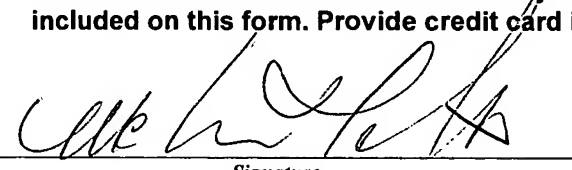
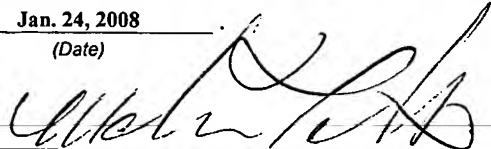


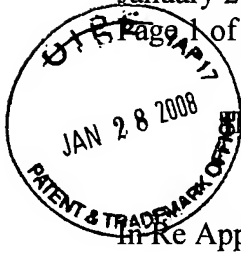
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<b>Invention:</b> Plasmid-Free Clone of E. Coli Strain DSM6601					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 9, 2008, which indicated that the Amendment filed October 23, 2007 was non-compliant. The October 23, 2007 Amendment was responsive to the Office Action dated July 24, 2007. In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the figures** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.